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## Arizona House of Representatives

Representative David Cook (R-8)

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## House Education Committee Recommends Tuition Waivers for Teachers in Rural Counties

**STATE CAPITOL, PHOENIX** – The House Education Committee yesterday approved [HB 2252](#), legislation sponsored by Representative David Cook (R-8), which would provide rural school district employees with tuition waivers to enroll in online courses at any state university or community college.

**“We have been kicking the can down the road for far too long regarding this devastating teacher shortage in rural Arizona districts,”** said Representative Cook. **“I applaud my colleagues in the Education Committee for addressing this growing concern by passing HB 2252, and I look forward to working with them as we explore tools to help rural Arizona.”**

Glen Lineberry, principal of Miami High School, testified on behalf of the legislation and voiced concerns about the future challenges facing rural educators if the teacher shortage is not addressed.

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